



Many Voices - One Community A Dialogue on Race and Racism

Hundreds of Lynchburg residents and organizations are being asked to become part of the Lynchburg Community Dialogue on Race and Racism. City Manager Kim Payne and Mayor Joan Foster proposed that the community engage in a discussion on racial issues in the Lynchburg community.

The proposal was not driven by just one incident but by an understanding that Lynchburg is a changing community and that issues of diversity are becoming increasingly important in a number of areas including public safety, housing, and employment. The goal is to have discussions that are open, honest, inclusive, and sustainable. Research and discussion with community stakeholders resulted in a consensus to utilize the Study Circles model for the Lynchburg Community Dialogue on Race and Racism.

Letters were recently mailed to organizations and individuals, asking them to consider becoming part of the sponsoring coalition. A sponsoring coalition is the organizing "engine" that makes Study Circles happen in a community. They are typically a group of people and organizations with a wide variety of opinions, beliefs, and interests.

Presently, a working group, comprised of members of the

Neighborhood Executive Advisory Council, the Martin Luther King, Jr. Lynchburg Community Council, and other interested citizens, is developing the program that will guide this effort. The group will use a model that has been used in other cities called Study Circles. Study Circles are democratic, highly participatory, small-group discussions. Eight to 20 people of diverse backgrounds, race, age, and income, meet four or five times, each time about two hours, and, with the help of a trained, neutral facilitator,

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COMMUNITY DIALOGUE
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talk about race and race relations. They share personal opinions, experiences, and perspectives. Study Circles' participants search for common ground and discuss societal viewpoints on race and explore ways to improve race relations.

"Our goal, said City Manager Payne, is to have 300 to 1000 participants for the dialogues. In order to do that, we will need broad support from the community."

An informational meeting is being held on August 21 at 7:00 p.m. in City Council Chamber, City Hall.

If you are interested in learning how you can support this effort and want to complete a volunteer form, contact the Dialogue Coordinator, Margaret Schmitt at 455-4208 or visit www.manyvoicesonecommunity.com.

Economic Development Director Named

City Manager Kim Payne announced the appointment of Marjette Glass on July 27 as the Director of the City's Office of Economic Development. Glass replaced former director Mary Jane Russell who retired in July 2007.



Glass has served as the Business Relations Manager in the Office of Economic Development since 2005. She has previous experience in telecommunications, banking, and insurance. She is a graduate of Mary Baldwin College, Leadership Lynchburg, and the Lynchburg's Citizens Academy, and is participating in the International Economic Development Council Certification Curriculum. Glass is an active volunteer in a number of civic organizations including the United Way of Central Virginia, CASA, Jefferson Choral Society, Lynch's Landing, and Rotary. *Lynchburg Living Magazine* named her Best Civic Leader in 2004.

In announcing his appointment Payne stated, "I am pleased to have a person of Marjette's experience, energy, and enthusiasm in this position. She has already established a broad network of contacts in the business community and enjoys its support." Glass assumed her new position on July 30.

Now Accepting Applications for the Citizens Academy

The City is now accepting applications for its Fifth Annual Citizens Academy. The deadline for applications is **August 31**.



Informed, involved citizens are vital in maintaining a healthy, vibrant community. The Citizens Academy offers participants the opportunity to be better informed about the day-to-day business and operation of city government. The goal is to have well informed citizens who will bring their specialized knowledge of how city government works back to their respective neighborhoods.

The Fifth Annual Citizens Academy is scheduled to begin on September 6. A series of eleven (11) two and a half hour sessions will be held each Thursday evening. Each session is lead by a City representative, usually the director and staff of that department and is a combination of presentations and hands-on activities. If you would like to sign up please visit www.lyncburgva.gov for an application or call **455-3800**.

Volunteers Needed for Lynchburg Museum System Board

Volunteerism and citizen participation is perhaps most evident on the government level. Hundreds of concerned citizens volunteer their time each year to assist the City in finding solutions to problems, effecting positive change, and planning for the future.



Lynchburg City Council is seeking individuals interested in serving on the Lynchburg Museum System Board. An application may be obtained in the City Clerk's Office, Third Floor, City Hall, or you can download a copy from the City's web site at www.lyncburgva.gov.

Please send your application to the City Clerk by **August 15**. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact the City Clerk's Office at 455-3995, or e-mail patricia.kost@lyncburgva.gov.

ADOPTION & FOSTERING OPPORTUNITIES

The Lynchburg Department of Social Services is offering required training for individuals and families seeking to become foster-to-adopt and/or adoptive parents.



Please note that for two-parent homes, both parents are expected to attend all required classes. This free training will be held in Lynchburg's Human Services Building at 99 Ninth Street from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Dinner will be provided.

TRAINING SCHEDULE

(NOTE: Must attend all classes)

Tuesday, August 7	Orientation: Foster Care Policies, etc.
Tuesday, August 14	The Function of Attachment
Tuesday, August 16	Understanding Grief and Loss
Tuesday, August 23	Birth Family Involvement
Tuesday, August 28	Advanced Attachment
Tuesday, September 4	Introduction to the Adoptive Process

Call (434) 455-5708 to register and for more information.

HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE

COLLECTION DAY COMING UP!

For All Lynchburg, Amherst, & Nelson County Residents

Saturday, August 11 (8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.)

Waste Management Facility (Landfill) on Concord Turnpike

PLEASE NOTE: Amherst and Nelson County residents must bring a voucher from the county solid waste department. To obtain a voucher call:

Amherst County residents: (434) 846-3324
Nelson County residents: (434) 263-7098

All participants must present a photo ID! Please bring items in non-returnable containers.



What CAN you bring to the collection site?

Acids/Bases	Flammables	Polishes
Aerosols	Furniture Stripper	Pool Chemicals
Antifreeze	Herbicides	Poisons
Auto Starter	Kerosene	Solvents
Brake Fluids	Lighter Fluids	Thinners
Batteries	Oven Cleaners	Used Motor Oil
Cleaners	Oxidizers	Weed Killers
Corrosives	Oil Based Paint	Wood
Drain Openers	Pesticides	Preservatives
	Photo Chemicals	

What NOT to bring to the collection site!

Agent Orange	Medical Waste	Radioactives (Ex: smoke detectors)
Ammunition	Oil Tanks	
Dioxin	Pathological Waste	Recyclables
Explosives	55 Gallon Drums of Anything!	Silvex
Garbage	PCBs	Stomp
Gas Cylinders	PROWL	TCDD
Kepone	Prozine	
Latex Paint		
Liquefied Asbestos		

Books in Your Email!

The Public Library's online book clubs are up to 501 members. Have you joined?



In case you haven't heard, the book clubs come from *DearReader.com*. Sign up for one or more of the clubs, and every Monday through Friday, you will find a five minute sample from a book in your e-mail. By the end of the week, you will have read two to three chapters, enough to let you know whether or not you want to read the whole book.

Choose from 11 different clubs: Fiction, Nonfiction, Good News, Business, Romance, Classics, Science Fiction, and more.

To learn more about the Online Book Clubs, go to the Public Library's web page at www.lyncburgva.gov/publiclibrary. Select the "Online Book Club" icon at the bottom of the page. For additional information, call Candice Michalik at 455-6310.

PUBLIC INFORMATION MEETING

Thursday, August 23

6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

Public Works Administration Building
1700 Memorial Avenue

PROJECTS

Public Works Complex
1700 Memorial Avenue
Fifth Street Revitalization
Midtown Connector
Miller Park & Trail System
CSO

Citizens are invited to attend a public information meeting to learn about these important projects. Comments are welcomed.



DMV Select Services are available at:

Commissioner of the Revenue's Office
City Hall - 900 Church Street
Lynchburg, VA

DMV Select Services

- Titles – original (with or without liens), substitute, replacement, title maintenance (change information on title records)
- Registrations – originals, renewals, transfers, re-issues and plate surrender
- Special and personalized license plate orders
- Trip permits, overload permits
- Handicapped parking placards
- Voter registration applications
- Transcripts – vehicle, driver
- Name and address changes not involving issuance of a driver license or ID card
- Dealer title and registration transactions
- Returned checks – full or partial payment

We accept: Cash, check, credit or debit card.

For more information:
visit www.dmv/vow.com or call:

455-3870

